

## Crew Change Procedure for Oman Ports Under COVID-19 Restrictions

### On signers

- The period of pre-travel negative COVID-19 PCR test for International flights (not less than 8 hours including transit) to be conducted within 96 hours prior to the schedule time of arrival in Oman. The requirement for negative COVID-19 PCR test for shorter flights remaining to be conducted within 72 hours.
- Crew are required to **pre-book the PCR test** through <https://covid19.emushrif.om/traveler/travel>, pay **OMR 25 (\$65) test fee** prior to arrival in the Sultanate. This can be done from our end.
- Upon crew Oman arrival, mandatory PCR will be done at Muscat Intl Airport and later crew will be transported to Hotel.
- Test results will be available **within 16-20 hours on website** and printed electronically on <https://covid19.emushrif.om>
- Crew may require to **hotel stay min 24hrs-48hrs** until receive PCR test report and Hotel will arrange room dining facility.
- If PCR test is **Negative**, Health authority will inform procedure of removal smart bracelet, crew can sign on to the vessel. (attestation charges will be invoice to principal account as per actual payment receipt)
- If PCR test is **Positive** crew required to complete the **14 days quarantine period** and further procedures will take place, depend on the situation.
- Visa, OKTB, quarantine exception letter for seaman from Ministry of Health, along with hotel booking confirmation shall be send by local agent for on signers.
- We require **1 to 2 working days** to get the initial permission from authorities.

### Off signers

- Local agent required will obtain required permission to perform crew change from respective authorities. Approval process will take **min 24hrs** and subject to authority.
- After receiving all required documents for visa process (Passport copy, Passport size photo & seaman book) agent will submit approval request to local authority.
- Visa processing / approval will take **min 2-3 working days**.

- If vessel port stay is **more than 36+ hours**, need to arrange hospital representative to go on board and do the PCR sample collection. (subject to terminal requirements) basis nurse availability.
- If vessel port stay is **less than 36 hours**, will seek authority permission to sign off crew and then proceed to PCR and hotel quarantine until PCR result is ready. But Not for Tankers calling OOT terminal. As per terminal, if crew is PCR negative, then only will allow crew to leave vessel via terminal.
- test results shall be available **within 16 -24 hours**.
- If PCR test is **Negative**, Health authority will inform procedure of removal smart bracelet, crew can sign on to the vessel. (attestation charges will be invoice to principal account as per actual payment receipt)
- If PCR test is **Positive**, crew and parties concerned with crew sign off required to complete the 14 days quarantine period and further procedures will take place, depend on the situation, including vessel.

#### Documents for Seaman visa (Crew)

- Passport copy (should be **valid 6+ months**)
- Seaman book
- Passport size photograph (**electronic version**)
- All Indian National passport holders **last page** and Pakistan National passport **page 2 and 3** is required.
- Visa processing / approval will take **min 2-3 working days**. (Friday & Saturday weekend and all local authority closed)

#### Document's requirement to perform crew change

- Last port / next port
- Last 10 port call
- Last port clearance copy
- Voy No and ref No if any
- Master contact details
- Cargo agents contact details.
- Type of cargo and quantity or port stay of vessel for Planning of crew sign on and sign off.

## **Entry Ban to Travelers**

Until further notice following restrictions apply:

Suspension of entry to the Sultanate to the arrivals from countries: **India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, UK, the Republic of Sudan, the Federal Republic of Brazil, the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the Federal Republic of Tanzania, , the Republic of Sierra Leone and the Democratic Federal Republic of Ethiopia, the Republic of Philippines(Effective 07th May 2021) ,Thailand, Malaysia and Vietnam** and on 6th July 2021 The Supreme Committee has decided to lift Egypt from the list of countries from which arrivals are banned. It also decided to add to the list the following countries: **Indonesia, Iraq, Iran, Tunisia, Libya, Argentina, and Colombia.**

Those who are arriving from any other country if they have passed any of the mentioned countries within 14 days prior to the request to enter the Sultanate.

In addition to that Oman immigration will consider denying crew change permission if recent vessel call / crew change done in these countries.

### **Special note:**

- **Ensure crew should have valid Covid-19 insurance cover for period of one month.**
- **Ensure to wear your PPE (masks, gloves, sanitizer) as often as needed.**
- **Ensure to maintain required social distance with everyone.**
- **Kindly note above all procedures without any prior notice will be changed.**
- **Also note Friday & Saturdays are weekend, all process will be delayed.**
- **All crew related cost under principal account**
- **This bracelet to be removed by authorities only at respective location health center. If without any permission from health authorities, anyone remove the bracelet penalty will be applicable OMR 300/-**